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Mr. Ed Boyle
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Re: Request for Extension of Draft Phase II Remedial Investigation (RI) / Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) / Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA), Draft Feasibility Study (DFS), Draft Proposed Plan, and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for Site 16, received October 1, 2001, for the Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center National Priorities List (NPL) Site, Davisville, Rhode Island (NCBC)

Dear Mr. Boyle:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in agreement with the extension for the schedule of subject reports discussed at the Base Reuse and Closure Cleanup Team (BCT) meetings on April 13, 2001 and July 12, 2001.

As noted in the table below, we will incorporate this schedule for site 16, Creosote Dip Tank and Former Fire Fighting Training Area, draft primary documents into Section 14.1 (Deadlines and Schedules) of the NCBC Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), as amended, pursuant to Section 15 (Extensions) of the FFA.

	Draft Phase II RI	Draft Feasibility Study Report	Draft Proposed Plan	Draft Record of Decision and Responsiveness Summary
previous site 16 schedule	N/A	February 27, 2002	July 25, 2002	June 19, 2003
new site 16 schedule	October 11, 2002	April 4, 2003	September 5, 2003	April 2, 2004

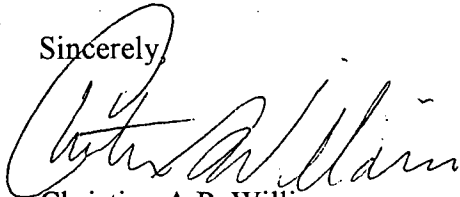
EPA had agreed to extend the site 16 schedule on October 2, 2000 due to the need to evaluate the extent of chlorinated volatile organic compounds in groundwater to the north, west, and east

of the site as well as the need to evaluate dioxin soil analysis from the firefighting training area. The Navy performed several rounds of investigations over the past year including the dioxin sampling and an extensive groundwater investigation. The Navy has proposed an additional phase of investigation for this site (Phase II RI) since the current data base still does not include enough information to pin point the source area of deep groundwater contamination that has been found to extend from the site 16 area to previously transferred property at Building 41.

As noted in our letter incorporating long term monitoring reports into the FFA dated August 28, 2001, and as with any previous changes to the FFA schedules, the Navy should issue an updated Fact Sheet to the NCBC mailing list and announce the modification at the next RAB in order to comply with Section 28.1 of the FFA (Amendment or Modification of Agreement) and the spirit of public involvement at an NPL Site. Since the last FFA public notification in August of 1999, schedules for the RI/FS of Sites 3 and 16 have both changed and the long term monitoring reports have been incorporated into the FFA.

We look forward to working with you to determine the source area of the groundwater contamination and to cleaning up this last parcel at NCBC. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to call me at (617) 918-1384.

Sincerely,



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